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LEAK, AND CONTROL DEVICE OF INTERNAL COMBUSTION  
ENGINE

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
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Sir:

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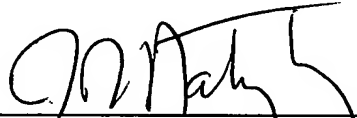
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It is respectfully requested that this information disclosure statement be considered by the Examiner.

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